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Station: Berlin Operation's No: BSC/Ops/004
Reference: AB 36 Registry No: MGB-916
Source: Ford Date of Report: 6 December 1946
Evaluation: B Information Date: Current
SUBJECT: FORD PROJECT. Date Info Received: 3 December 1946

1. Source was introduced to writer by AB 52 on a scheduled meeting on 3 December 1946. It is anticipated the present writer will continue to handle this project.

2. Source had met SKURIN earlier in the afternoon, and was told that a position had been obtained for him with the Allgemeine Deutsche Nachrichtendienst (ADN), with his work to begin 4 December. ADN is an overtly German owned and operated news agency, but actually works under Russian direction and control.

a. In this connection, source's denazification was brought up by SKURIN. Originally, since the discovery of Source's Nazi affiliations had led to his being dismissed from TASS, SKURIN had proposed source go through the regular denazification channels. Later SKURIN had proposed to simply rubber-stamp source's Kennkarte. Now, however, SKURIN told source that even that was not necessary, that he was not listed as a Nazi at ADN, and was to deny Nazi affiliations if the accusation were ever made.

3. Speaking further along these lines, SKURIN asked if source's wife, living in Schwelm/Westphalia (British Zone) had ever been arrested or interrogated by the British authorities on her husband's account. SKURIN remembered that source himself had once been picked up by American MP's, about a year ago. If that should ever occur again, and he was interrogated, and if the Americans or British asked him to work for them, SKURIN's advice was that source should accept, of course, but that he should then immediately tell SKURIN about it.

4. Source then tempted SKURIN with the bait of a notional American, a Captain Thompson, who had been at the home of some friends of his when he happened to drop in. Later, after the American had left, the friends "told" source he was an officer working in the Wannsee Detention Camp. SKURIN was definitely interested and suggested source should cultivate the American.

5. Source was also able to state that Hilde BEETZ was now in Berlin, working for the Americans, under the name of Frau BLUM. So far, however, he had been unable to determine her more exact whereabouts, but hoped to do so soon. SKURIN asked source to locate and meet Frau BLUM.

6. And finally, SKURIN admitted a little ruefully that he thought KEMRITZ had left Berlin--without saying good-bye.

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